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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Support for the Williams Road Multimodal Corridor Planning RAISE Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Franklin County Clerk of Courts Office, I am writing this letter to express our strong support for the City of Columbus' applications for the Environmental Protection Agency's Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant for Political Subdivisions program and the Recycling Education and Outreach Grant program.

The Franklin County Clerk of Courts' Office employs approximately 200 full-time Deputy Clerks that serve in five divisions: Auto Title, Legal, Fiscal Services, Information Technology, and Administration. Four of those divisions are in seven different offices in the Franklin County Courthouse complex. The fifth, Auto Title, is in four branch offices throughout Franklin County. Each division is important to the Franklin County Clerk of Courts' two major functions: management of court documents and issuance of auto titles.

Ensuring that our employees live and work in a readily accessible, thriving community is of great importance to me as an elected official. Before I was elected as the Clerk of Courts in 2008, I was a member of Columbus (Ohio) City Council and strongly advocated for the investment in the Williams Road corridor, including pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the challenges of the corridor, the need to create more multimodal transportation opportunities within it, and the potential this project has to positively impact our community. We urge your consideration of the application.

The Franklin County Clerk of Courts Office stands ready to support the City of Columbus in implementing the Williams Road Plan.

Sincerely,

Maryellen O'Shaughnessy
Franklin County Clerk of Courts